

# ACCELERATING RANGATAHI MĀORI

## success in a STEAM-focused future

### FROM

*Competition  
Colonisation  
Fragmentation  
Matāuaranga at the periphery  
Māori deficit*

- An RSI system that under-funds, under-values and fails to protect mātauranga and creates 'competition for crumbs'
- Unequal power balance between the Crown and Māori and lack of enabling partnership
- System of false starts funding new programmes but not providing long-term funding to sustain successful programmes to flourish and grow
- Narratives based on 'Māori failure' rather than system failure and accountabilities
- Māori and Pasifika rangatahi seen as a problem to be solved, rather than a taonga to be invested in and nurtured

### TO

*Contribution  
Mana ōrite  
Whanaungatanga  
Mātauranga at the core  
Māori pride*

- A vision & strategy for mātauranga enabled through an interconnected / intergenerational RSI system with mātauranga Māori and Māori values and aspirations at the core
- Equitable funding with new mechanisms that are distinctly for mātauranga and that unites rather than fragments Māori
- True Crown/Māori Treaty partnership with shared power and resources
- Successful Māori-led programmes identified and supported for the long-term
- Stories of Māori success
- A system that values and inspires rangatahi Māori identity and supports them to be leaders in a STEAM-focused future

### ACTIONS

1. Identify the Māori-led initiatives and ropū that are already working and make sure they are properly supported for the long-term to be able to evaluate, iterate and grow. Some we already know about and we can accelerate growth quickly e.g. Pūhoro, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga and Te Rauika Māngai. Support a dedicated Māori-led secretariat to support these Maori initiatives.
2. Create a Māori centred RSI platform e.g. a Māori-led NSC with new funding
3. Develop deep understanding of excellence and impact as they relate to Maori research which reframes science understanding of excellence and impact
4. Increase funding for the Vision Mātauranga Capability Fund and its longevity
5. Establish co-management and co-governance of the RSI system e.g. equitable representation on the Science Board / separate Māori science board

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Change the perception of science and technology at an early age (e.g. Ruatahuna kura kaupapa)
- Co-design and re-contextualise a system wide Mātauranga Māori Strategy which outlines a shared vision and highlights the role of rangatahi and international indigenous connectivity
- Support Māori leadership to deliver mātauranga impact
- Tech that enables rangatahi to engage with mātauranga in ways that excite them (e.g. Land of Voyagers)

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